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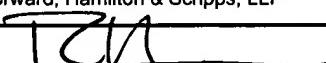
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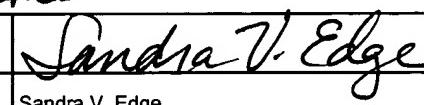
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First Named Inventor	John Thomas ALLEN
Art Unit	1744
Examiner Name	Elizabeth L. MCKANE
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

360

180

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
25	- 20 or HP = 5	x 25	= \$125	Fee (\$)

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Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
3	- 3 or HP = 0	x 0	= 0	Fee (\$)

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John Thomas ALLEN	)	Examiner:	Elizabeth L. MCKANE	
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Serial No.:	09/912,576	)	Conf. No.:	6668
Filed:	July 24, 2001	)		
For:	SYSTEM FOR, AND METHOD OF, IRRADIATING ARTICLES	)		
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